

DETROIT OR RED SOX FOR WORLD'S SERIES PHILLY RIVALS?—"THREE AND TWO," VAN LOAN

DETROIT'S PITCHING MORE DANGEROUS THAN RED SOX IN A WORLD'S SERIES

Phillies, Although Figuring Tigers Easier of Two Foes, Would Find Daus and James Hard Propositions—Phils Gain on Braves

All throughout the red-hot season in Manhattan it was treason to listen to a reason why the Phillies had a show; though Moran's men did the pitching, giving all a fearful looking, still, "A sudden slump they're facing," said the men who think they know. But they have that able Grover Cleveland Alexander guy; they have Mayer, Chalmers, Rizey, from the smiling land of Dixie, and Moran still has some tricks he hasn't had a chance to try. But—and this gives room for hoping—all the men who live by doping now are puzzled, blindly groping as their spirits droop and sag, and the experts are admitting, as the Boston chance is fitting, that, with perfect play and hitting, Pat Moran may cop the flag.

From their season's course they're tacking; for the Phillies have been lacking in their long-predicted cracking 'neath the disappearing strain; and they're still up there a-leading, and the team is still a-speeding, quite delighted and unheeding of the knocks that were in vain; while the Boston boosters, quailing at a pace that seems unfailing, now are shrieking, yodeling, waiting for the Philly team to crack 'neath the season's grind and straining—but the base hits still are raining, and the Braves are not a-gaining and they're still a little back.

With Boston and Detroit engaged in a battle which probably will decide the pennant winner in the American League and with the Phillies far out in front in the National League race, local fans are naturally speculating on the Phillies' chances against the American League pennant winner in a world's series. The great question is which team would prove the hardest foe.

Although members of the Philly team are trying to encourage talk about the great chance of the Red Sox, because of their southpaw pitchers, the odds are heavily against the team that must depend on left handers to defeat the Phillies. Once in a great while a southpaw will defeat the Phillies and occasionally another will follow up with a finely pitched game in the same series, but portenders are easy for Moran's club as figures prove.

Left-handers Have Found Phillies Hard to Beat

At least eight out of 10 games against southpaws result in Philly victories, and such has been the case for several seasons. There is hardly a manager in the National League who will send a left-hander against the Phillies unless he shows a wonderful assortment of shots in warming up.

Such was the case in the recent Pittsburgh-Philly series. Manager Clarke used Cooper and Kautheiser and the latter won his game, while Cooper gave Alexander a great battle in 12 innings.

Red Sox Portenders Are All Fast Ball Artists

As the Boston Red Sox must depend mostly upon southpaws to present its strongest lineup, it would probably be best for the Phillies if Carrigan's team wins the American League pennant. Foster, Wood and Shore are strong right-handed pitchers, but none of them possesses the natural ability of Ruth and Leonard, southpaws.

It might possibly be good judgment to send one of the southpaws against the Phillies in Boston, but, on past performances, it would be poor judgment to use either on the small Philly field.

Both are fast ball pitchers, and fast ball pitching never has been effective against Moran's team on the Philly field, because many ordinary outs on a large field reach the fences here, and long flies are numerous against fast balls. A pitcher of the Foster type is an ideal man to face the Phillies at home, but his curve ball is not good enough to cause much trouble.

World's series in the past have always, with the exception of the White Sox-Cub clash in 1906, been decided almost entirely on pitching, and there is little use at this time comparing the contending teams, man for man. The Boston pitching staff, as a whole, is considered by far superior to that of Detroit, but for a short series the Tigers have the edge, for one reason.

Detroit's Right-handers Might Be Troublesome

Detroit has two star right-handed pitchers, who can go into the box every other day without feeling the strain. They are seasoned veterans and each is a top-notch. What is more, one of them, Bill James, is a spit-baller, and spit-ball pitchers invariably have proved stars in world's series games. The Phillies do not relish spit-ball pitching as much as speed or southpaws, and this gives the Tigers an edge, if the two teams should meet.

In George Daus the Tigers have one of the best curve ball pitchers in the country, and he also is one of the "iron men" of the league. If Joe Wood is right, the Red Sox pitching staff will compare favorably with the Tigers' for a world's series, but it is doubtful if Wood will be right. He may be good for one fine performance, but on what he has shown for three years, he will not be able to come back unless the series goes seven games.

Tigers Look More Dangerous Than Sox

Although the Red Sox have a far better staff in numbers, all things considered, the Tigers' pitching looks stronger for a short series, and as pitching is more than 50 per cent. of the battle, it might be better for the Phillies if Boston won the American League pennant.

Jennings' Sluggers Expected to Figure

Two pitchers generally decide a world's series. The Phillies have Alexander the Great and either Mayer, Rizey or Chalmers, and local fans are willing to stake everything on the big Nebraska against the staffs of either the Tigers or Red Sox. If another Philly pitcher can contribute one victory. But, leaving the pitching out of it, don't overlook Detroit.

Any team that can slug as the Tigers do must be reckoned with more than the Red Sox, if their pitchers hold up, and just remember that Daus and James are "there."

Moran's Club Gains As Boston Loses

Another big gain was made by the Phillies yesterday. While the locals were beating the Reds the Dodgers lost to the Cubs and the Braves were forced to remain idle, giving Moran's men another full game on Brooklyn, while a half game was gained on the Braves. Not only was a half game gained on the Braves, but the postponement will make it necessary for Stallings' champions to play double-headers today and tomorrow with St. Louis.

Only Eleven More Victories Really Needed

Unless the Phillies collapse entirely, there appears to be little chance for Brooklyn to overhaul them. Moran's men have to win but 11 games out of the 29 that remain on their schedule to force the Dodgers to win 14 out of 17, while the postponement of the Boston-St. Louis double-header forces the Braves to win 15 out of 19, with twin bills coming thick and fast and the pitching staff and team shot to pieces.

About Time to Reserve World's Series Tickets

If any other team in the country had the same lead the Phils enjoy at the present time, with two Eastern teams battling them for the pennant, the fans would immediately vote the pennant clinched, but Philly teams have blown up so often in the past that the fans can hardly realize that they will keep going. Four victories in five games played in the West, with the strain of the grueling race, is a remarkable record, and should be conclusive evidence that the chance of the Phillies cracking is slim indeed. A few more days may convince the Braves and Dodgers of this fact, and then it will be a canter.

For the first time in the history of a local major league team, home games have been transferred to another city. Upon receipt of a letter from Manager Griffith, of Washington, stating that the Senators are drawing well and would like to have the two games scheduled between the Athletics and Washington for September 29 and 30 transferred to the capital, Manager Mack, of the Athletics, obtained permission from President Johnson to have the games played in Washington. This makes two more days when local fans will not see major league ball.

"LUCKY PHILS?" NAY, NAY! MORAN GOING ON MERIT

Wants to Win on Phil Victories, Not on Boston Brooklyn Losses

PITCHERS IN FINE TRIM

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 17.—Pat Moran is not depending on the defeat of Boston and Brooklyn for the pennant in the National League. What those clubs do is a matter which, though extremely interesting to the Phillies' leader and players, is not as vital as their own play.

If the Phils do cop the flag, Pat wants to do it by winning games from now on and not by just having the other clubs beaten enough to give him a decision.

When the subject of Boston's success in Chicago was broached, Pat remarked: "Of course, it helps us for Boston to get beat, but what they do has nothing to do with us. We are out to win each game and we are going to continue that policy regardless of what the others may do or what they may not do."

It would seem that the Braves' work in Chicago would be disconcerting to an opponent when it is seen how well the champions have been going without the services of Schmidt, Maranville and Ragan. Nevertheless, the Phillies are by no means down-hearted by the victories of either the Braves or the Dodgers.

On the contrary, they are determined to fight the harder. Moran realizes, and has taught his men to realize, that they must fight and fight hard to the end to accomplish the dream of their lives. How well the Phillies are following Pat's plan is shown in their aggressive work on the field and their self-restraint in everything off the field.

There is not a member of the Phillies team at present who would endanger the pennant chances by doing anything that might cause him to lose a whit of efficiency.

This is not a matter that figures vitally in the National League pennant chase, yet it may be interesting to Philadelphia fans to know that there was a feeling of genuine regret among the golfers of Pittsburgh that Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck and Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow were unable to enter the invitation tournament now in progress at the Chikama Country Club.

The consensus of opinion here is that the Phillies will win the pennant unless Ludeke, Cravath, Alexander and Bancroft break a couple of legs each. This view of the situation is not far wrong either. The Phils are going at a brilliant clip. They are playing better baseball than they have played this year and look more like a pennant winner by far than they did when they were last seen at home.

When a club which is supposed not to be, and has not been, a good road team begins to look like the class of the league on foreign soil, and which has a long lead as the Phillies have, it is hard to see how they can lose.

Pat Moran's pitching staff is in such good condition at the present time that it is highly possible that the Phils could win the flag without the aid of Grover Alexander. The Phils seem to have overcome that feeling that prevailed in Brooklyn when Alex was beaten in the first game of the series. Now if Alex should lose, they would not have that subconscious feeling that "We can't win behind anyone if we can't win behind Alex."

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE					
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Win.	Loss.
Phillies	27	43	.386	376	476
Brooklyn	23	49	.319	336	426
Boston	23	43	.344	336	426
St. Louis	22	42	.344	336	426
Chicago	21	49	.297	336	426
Cincinnati	21	47	.304	336	426
Pittsburgh	20	49	.290	336	426
New York	19	49	.282	336	426
AMERICAN LEAGUE					
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Win.	Loss.
Boston	20	43	.319	336	426
Detroit	19	43	.319	336	426
Chicago	18	43	.297	336	426
Washington	17	43	.282	336	426
New York	16	43	.271	336	426
St. Louis	15	43	.259	336	426
Cleveland	14	43	.247	336	426
Athletics	13	43	.233	336	426
FEDERAL LEAGUE					
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Win.	Loss.
Pittsburgh	14	43	.247	336	426
Chicago	13	43	.233	336	426
St. Louis	12	43	.220	336	426
Newark	11	43	.207	336	426
Kansas City	10	43	.194	336	426
Buffalo	9	43	.177	336	426
Brooklyn	8	43	.164	336	426
Baltimore	7	43	.147	336	426

BOXING BOUTS AT NATIONAL

Johnny Eckhardt to Stage Fights at Old Theatre

Johnny Eckhardt, who helped make amateur boxing famous in Philadelphia, is now connected with the National Theatre as manager, and will inaugurate a series of amateur boxing tournaments at the old playhouse, beginning Wednesday, September 22, and continuing every Wednesday and Saturday for the rest of the season. The opening tournaments will be for the 115-pound class, and the entry is open to all amateur boxers in Philadelphia.

The prizes awarded will be a diamond ring to the winner, and a gold watch will be the second prize. Many of the best local boxers started from the amateur ranks, and no doubt there will be many new faces in the ring during this present season. The contests will be given under the regular amateur athletic rules, and the contestants can be assured of fair play.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
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THREE AND TWO Here Comes the Vicious Fence-Buster to the Plate With Murder in His Eye—Yes, It's Three and Two, and Two Men Down, All in the Ninth!

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN The World's Most Famous Writer of Baseball Fiction

Jim Fenny, star scout of "Shad" Roe's "Turtles," discovers Charles "Gabby" Nelligan, a deaf and dumb catcher, who is a wonder. After much argument, Jim persuades his manager to engage a more wonder, who "has a whip like a 45-centimeter" and a bat without any holes in it. "Gabby" browns as a catcher and better are soon established, and it takes only a little longer to prove that he can play poker and administer a knockout as well as he can catch. The national pastime, his keen brain and all-seeing eye enable him to devise new plays for the "Turtles," now nicknamed the "Dummies," and to build a stonewall infield almost impossible to pierce.

In "Gabby's" third season, "Socks" Shaw, so named because he was picked up in the backwoods barrel, and an old friend of the mites, breaks in as the leading slugger of the "Wanders." Toward the end of the year the race narrows down to a nip-and-tuck fight between the two teams.

The final decision rests upon a three-game series at the end of the schedule. Each team has won a game. In the deciding contest, with two down, enable the "Wanders" to even up the series in the fourth, 4 to 4. In the last half of the eighth "Gabby" poses out a two-bagger and gallops home with the lead. The "Dummies" in the lead. The "Wanders" in their half of the ninth get a man on base, but he rests there while the second man goes out at first, and a pinch hitter takes the place.

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And whom have we now, marching forth in the midst of a situation so tense as this one? None but Socks Shaw, the pulverizer. A groan of despair went up from the grandstand and rippled along the bleachers. Socks Shaw—and good-night, pennant!

Shad Roe half raised himself and jerked the bench and jerked his forefinger upward sharply. Poor Cassell walked out of the box, trying hard to smile, but only succeeding in looking as if he wanted to cry. Probably he did. Baseball has its tragedies as well as its comedies. Kinky Devine, the old standby, who had been tentatively warming up for three innings, was nominated the hope of the home team, and Gabby Nelligan, loped over to meet him as he approached, "talking" earnestly with him on all his fingers.

"Low, boy! Keep her low!" the fingers pleaded. "Make him hit it off his knee-cap if you can!" If there was any man in the league who knew what Socks could do to a fast ball, waist high, that man was Charles Nelligan; and if ever a ball player felt like praying for a low ball, it was Gabby.

"Here's a little more duck soup!" yelled Smiling Tim to Shaw. "Take your time, boy, and hit her a mile! A mile!" Kinky took his three practice balls, and the crowd grunted its relief when



"Shad" Roe half raised himself and jerked his forefinger upward.

what his fingers said; but this is a family paper. There would be no chance. Gabby then edged in behind Shaw, so close that Socks could almost feel the warm breath upon his neck, and squatted to make the perfunctory signal. Behind him, Umpire Corcoran stood upon his tip-toes.

The first ball was low enough—so low that it scraped the plate, and Gabby had to lunge forward after it in order to save himself from the danger of a passed ball—fall under the circumstances, for it would have meant a tied score, at the least.

"One ball!" said Corcoran, wagging his left hand. Devine delivered two more, one away outside, and the other six inches inside

COLT RACES PLANNED AT NARBERTH COURSE

Fine Lot of Two and Three Year Olds Entered in Sporting and Keim Stakes

The horse racing followers of this city are awaiting the big colt race meeting to be held at the Belmont mile track, Narberth, Pa., September 22. Many of the best youngsters racing today around the fair circuits will make their appearance. The program will be mainly of two and three-year-olds races.

A. B. Cox, the Paoli (Pa.) horseman, has some fine colts named. The sporting sweepstakes, valued at \$300, for two-year-olds, is the talk hereabouts, with its fine list of well-bred entries. Several local horsemen will send their baby trotters after the bacon.

A contest that will surely beat 2:15 is expected in the Keim stakes for three-year-olds. The purse of \$1000 looks like a big prize for the owners.

Fifteen horses will score in the Narberth stakes. Two other events will round out the racing card. Al Saunders is managing the meeting.

BETHANY AND ZION TO PLAY Game Saturday to Determine Championship of Lutheran League

Bethany, of Roxborough, and Zion of Olney, play an important game to determine the leadership in Circuit 1, of the Lutheran Athletic Association, Saturday at Central High School's Field, 29th and Cambria streets. Game called at 3:30 p. m. Zion has already taken two out of three games from Bethany, but it is necessary to win three out of five to determine the leadership.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

CHINESE HERE TOMORROW Great Game Expected at Hatmakers' Grounds

The Chinese team that has had everything its own way in this vicinity will play its third game of the season at the Stetson grounds tomorrow. In the first contest the Orientals crushed the Hatmakers, but were defeated in the second game in ten exciting innings that were filled with all kinds of baseball thrills.

Stetson has been greatly strengthened by the return of Eddie Gerner and the acquisition of Jimmy Jameson. Roy Thomas has decided to start Jameson and Stevenson as the battery against the Celestials, depending on them to bring victory to his team and thereby win the series for this season.

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